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Welcome Breakfast and Conference Kickoff

Kickoff the 2009 Empowerment Conference with a breakfast, served from 7:30 to 8 a.m., followed by the keynote address, "Lincoln's Ten Critical Tasks of Leadership," delivered by Professor Al Gini.

Lincoln's Ten Critical Tasks of Leadership

Beyond the legend and myth, Lincoln was a man of reason, reflection, and deeply held moral values. His election was, in some sense, a political accident, but his leadership turned out to be practical, principled, and geared toward protecting the rights of all those who shared the American experience. Come journey with Professor Gini and take a look behind the myth of Lincoln. Learn about Lincoln as a thinker, writer, and as the unexpected, gifted moral leader.

Keynote: Al Gini, Professor of Business Ethics, Graduate School of Business, Loyola University Chicago.

Leadership = Vision + Communication + Empowerment an Overview

Leadership is a term so often used and so frequently misunderstood. By attending this session, you will learn the meaning of leadership and why it is so very important to the strength of all libraries. More importantly, however, you will learn why communication is an important skill needed to become a strong leader, and how your unique communication style is of value.

Speaker: Alexis H. Sarkisian, Library Marketing Consultant/Adjunct Instructor, Dominican University

Leadership for Library Support Staff

Every member of a library team has the potential to be a leader. This workshop will clarify this distinction between managing and leading. It will identify the skills and behaviors of good leaders and provide practical ideas for library support staff to develop these qualities.

Speaker: Kevin Dudeney

Leading From Any Position: Opportunities to Contribute to Your Library's Success

What is Leadership? A definition and distinction: how informal leadership contributes to a library's effectiveness. Ms. Sullivan will share an overview of the basic principles, practices and core competencies of effective leadership. She will help you realize your current capacity for leadership through a self-assessment of strengths and areas for development. Included in the presentation will be practical steps for your leadership development.

Speaker: Maureen Sullivan, Organization Development Consultant, Maureen Sullivan Associates

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Lunch with the Famous First Ladies: Mary Todd Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, and Hilary Clinton

We Americans have always been fascinated by the White House—a symbol of the power and prestige of our country. We know so much about the Presidents and the families who lived there from our history books, and more recently movies and television. Unfortunately, most of what we read or see is about the public personas of those people. Join Jenny Riddle as she dramatizes, in character, the personal lives of three remarkable First Ladies. (Hilary Clinton makes a surprise visit at the end and even sings a song.) Jenny Riddle is an accomplished actress, singer, and writer. She has created a wide range of performances from book dramatizations to musical revues. Ms. Riddle's performances arise from her love of literature, theatre, and music and appeal to a variety of audiences. She received her M.A. in English from DePaul University and her undergraduate degree in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana. She has taught English, speech, and drama at the high school and college levels and has been active in music and theatre since she was a young girl. This was an excellent presentation.

Thank you for this opportunity to attend the 2009 ALA Conference.

